

Remarks

By this amendment, claims 5 and 7 have been canceled, and claim 8 has been amended. Claims 1-4, 6 and 8 remain pending in the present application.

As requested the Examiner, supplemental declarations executed by the inventors are enclosed.

Also enclosed is an affidavit under 37 C.F.R. §1.178 stating that the original letters patent has been lost.

Respectfully submitted,

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